the year. In the case of existing units, there is an additional condition that the increase of new workmen employed during the year should not be less than 10% of the number of workmen employed in the last day of the preceding year. It is further provided that no deduction under the new section will be allowed if industrial undertaking is formed by splitting or reconstruction of an existing undertaking or amalgamation with an existing Industrial undertaking.

Rehabilitation of workers of closed PSUs

2383. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to rehabilitate workers of closed PSUs in large numbers;

(b) whether Government have any plan to train such surplus workers in different specialisation like Electrician, Plumber, Drivers etc. for which there is a large demand; and

(c) if not, what are the problems?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) As per information available, Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR)/Disinvestment Commission had expressed views regarding the winding up of 9 PSUs under the administrative control of Deptt. of Heavy Industry under Ministry of Industry. In order to mitigate the hardship of the Employees of these sick PSUs who were not considered eligible for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS), Govt. decided to introduce Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) by extending benefits of VRS to the employees of these PSUs. So far, about 6000 employees had availed the VSS.

(b) Assistance from National Renewal Fund (NRF) has been provided for couselling, retraining and redeployment of rationalised workers from organised sector. Employees Assistance Centres, set up with assistance from NRF are counselling and retraining workers in different trades including Electrician, Plumber, Driver etc.

(c) Does not arise.